

Louisiana Lake Gives Up Dead — Make New Year Resolutions Now — Sara Must Act or Die — Would United States Fight in Next European War.

At Mer Rouge, La., one man is arrested charged with the murder of Watson Daniels and Thomas Richards. Six or seven more are to be arrested. The bodies were discovered in a lake where they had been thrown by the K. K. K. If the prosecuting authorities prove their case, as they say they will, this type of secret society activity will be much discouraged. Secret murder is not a custom which Americans can encourage with safety to the nation.

Senator Borah says that America must aid Europe to prevent a new war which he says this country will have to fight and finance. Some say America would not fight in a new European war. Who can tell? While the other war was in progress Europeans solemnly said they would not fight again. Their fear is gone, their experiences are largely forgotten and they creep on the edge of war all the time.

What guarantee that America will remember any longer? Who would have supposed Uncle Sam would fight in the great war before he did? What irritation would be necessary to make him fight again? Immediately there would be a large war party. Make no doubt of it.

Five days are left in which to think out our New Year resolutions. Think, carefully, think good ones. If possible, read some good work on psychology before you make them. The New Year's resolutions are a species of suggestion which may be made very effective if they are properly backed up by the "will" as they used to say, and by the "imagination" as they say now. Imagine yourself being as good, as wise, and as useful as you resolve to be.

Sarah Bernhardt is better again. Twice she has come back from the Valley of the Shadow, after the doctors have said that hope was gone. She says, "I can't rest—if I did, I would die." She is right, no doubt. Her mind has been so concentrated upon acting that it must fail her if the power to act disappears. Nevertheless, at the last she must rest. From this there is no escape unless, indeed, they have theatres in the beyond where actress geniuses are permitted to appear.

In City Court, today, only four drunks. Not like the Christmas docket of years gone by when it was no uncommon thing for 20 or 30 drunks to be arraigned the morning after. Bridgeport may not be entirely dry but it is much drier than it used to be.

The ex-Kaiser celebrated Christmas with a free. In the chapel he joined in the singing. There was a family reunion. The former Crown Prince and his wife met the new Mrs. Hohenzollern and the children presented the ex-Kaiser with a copy of his own book in a rich binding. Here is a pretty picture of a cheerful elderly man, enjoying his honeymoon in the twilight of his days as any common person might who had never "lived" vast war, nor had any principal part in the slaughter of millions of his fellow men. How is this explained?

SEE CONVICTION OF HOODED GANG

Mer Rouge, La., Dec. 26.—The state of Louisiana is so confident that its case in the kidnapping and murder of Watt Daniels and Thomas Richards is strong enough to convict even those who may sympathize with persons accused of the crime that it will not need to ask for a change of venue when the preliminary hearing begins. It was declared today that the case has been definitely set for January 6 at Bastrop.

4 Houses Wrecked in Mexico Blast

San Antonio, Dec. 26.—(I. N. S.)—When a barracks containing high explosives exploded four houses were destroyed and one person was killed and four others badly injured. It was reported today from Mexico City. The explosion took place Christmas morning.

TO CONSIDER CLAIMS. The claims committee of the Commerce Council will meet Thursday to consider a number of claims for damages and petitions for abatement of taxes.

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WEATHER:

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 26.—Weather forecast: For New Haven and vicinity: Unsettled tonight and Wednesday; slightly colder Wednesday. For Connecticut: Cloudy tonight; Wednesday cloudy, probably snow or rain and colder; moderate to fresh shifting winds.

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SEA LINERS BATTERED IN HEAVY GALES

Vessels Reach Port Greatly Damaged—Buck 100-Mile Hour Wind and Waves 60 feet in Height in Journey Across Atlantic.

London, Dec. 26.—(I. N. S.)—A report that three trans-Atlantic ships were missing was in circulation here today, but was not confirmed. Lloyds marine agency said that they had not received news of any disasters at sea although violent storms had been prevailing on the North Atlantic for several days.

New York, Dec. 26.—All ocean liners arriving here today showed damage from the most terrific storm that have swept the North Atlantic in years. Lifeboats had been washed away, fittings destroyed and portholes smashed. The wind blew 100 miles an hour rolling up waves 60 feet high.

White Star liner Cedric which arrived Christmas, was two days overdue. Christmas, was two days overdue.

Hurricane Abating. The worst hurricane that has swept the North Atlantic in years was abating today after causing terrific damage to shipping. Steamship lines reported that all vessels were delayed, but that none were missing. The belated steamships were reporting by wireless.

Three vessels were so badly battered that they will have to be returned to the United States. They are the Cedric, Zealand and the United States.

Reports of the 100-mile an hour gale that lashed the ocean into mountainous waves led to fears that some vessels had been lost.

Fulton, N. Y., Dec. 26.—(I. N. S.)—A New York, Ontario & Western train left the rails two miles north of this city last night killing the engineer, William Youngs, of Oswego, and wrecking the engine and two cars.

Youngs was found pinned in his cab, after the engine had turned over the 15 foot bank where it tumbled completely over while the tank attached twisted off, leaving the two freight cars overturned and the passenger coach tilted at a 30 degree angle on the side of the bank.

Yeggs Crack Safe; Flee with \$2,000

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Yeggsmen early today blew the door from the safe in a branch office of Morris and Company, packers, and obtained \$2,000 of last Saturday's receipts.

TO BE DISCHARGED FROM BANKRUPTCY

The Standard Bottling Company of this city, which petitioned for discharge in the bankrupt court today, met with no opposition on the part of the creditors and the discharge will be recommended by Judge John J. Keogh.

Westport Is Sued for Auto Accident

Susie Sobody, of Norwalk, administratrix of the estate of John Sobody, who, October 3, 1922, while a gratuitous passenger in the car of John Kovacs, of Norwalk, sustained an injury which later became infected, causing lockjaw which resulted in his death, has brought suit against the Town of Westport and the Westport Waterbury Company in the Superior Court for damages of \$10,000. The accident occurred when the car in which Sobody was a passenger, hit a ditch in the road which was caused by a broken water pipe.

Pilsudski Is Poland's Military Ruler



Marshal Pilsudski

Following the assassination of the President of Poland Marshal Pilsudski was appointed Chief of Staff of the Polish Army and placed the nation under martial law, his troops being actual rulers.

JOHN A. LYNCH PASSES AWAY

Was Former Leader of Wheeler and Wilson Band.

John A. Lynch, for over a quarter of a century identified with the Wheeler and Wilson band of this city, and for eighteen years its leader, passed away Sunday morning at the Arcade Hotel, where he had resided for a number of years. Mr. Lynch was the son of the late John and Julia Coleman Lynch, who were early settlers in this city. He was born at the home of his parents in Gilbert street fifty seven years ago.

Following a series of conferences held by administration spokesmen it was stated Lodge and his associates might be willing to accept the Borah plan as an amendment to the pending navy supply bill provided he in turn agreed to the reservations they were considered.

CABINET SENT FOR KELLOGG

Washington, Dec. 26.—(I. N. S.)—Senator Frank B. Kellogg, Republican of Minnesota, defeated last November for re-election to the Senate, may be chosen by President Harding as successor to Secretary of the Interior A. B. Fall, who will retire from the cabinet within the next few months according to reports in political circles here today.

KILLED ON TRACK WHILE HOMEBOUND

New Haven, Dec. 26.—(By The A. P.)—The body of John Egan, 70, a retired contractor of this city, was found in the Cedar Hill yards of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad this morning. Apparently he had been killed by a train sometime during the night. It was believed he was walking through the yards to make a short cut to his home.

GERMANY'S PROPOSALS FALL FLAT

Poincare Rejects Berlin Plan to Have U. S. Guarantee Frontier for Thirty-Year Period—France Remains Suspicious of Teutons.

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London, Dec. 26.—(I. N. S.)—German proposals, submitted to Secretary of State Hughes through the French ambassador at Washington, to guarantee the German frontier for 30 years have been turned down by Premier Poincare, of France. It was learned this afternoon in the most authoritative quarters.

M. Poincare was said to have declined the proposals on the ground that the French constitution did not provide for any such referendum. The French Premier was understood to have taken the view that Germany might attempt to evade her obligations under the agreement through a "faked" referendum.

BORAH'S GERMAN PLAN CREATES SENATE STORM

Washington, Dec. 26.—A flood of reservations threatened today to engulf Senator Borah's proposal for an international economic and disarmament conference as Senator Lodge and other Republican leaders sought to calm the angry verbal tempest it has already aroused.

PROBE INTO DEATH OF DERBY MANIAC BEATEN TO DEATH

Middletown, Dec. 26.—Officials of the State Hospital today started a thorough investigation into the Christmas morning riot that resulted in the death of Pietro Tallanelli, of Derby, a violently insane patient at the institution who died of injuries received when he was being subdued by the attendants.

Tallanelli had all but one of his ribs broken and his heart was crushed in the struggle with the guards.

The four men who were to be arraigned in court today on the charge of manslaughter are John H. Walsh, James Morrison, Thomas Tobin and Daniel Keef.

The trouble started around 6 o'clock Christmas morning, when one of the attendants, whose name has not been disclosed, went to Tallanelli's room in the "annex" where most of the criminal insane are kept. The attendant opened the door and greeted Tallanelli with "Merry Christmas." According to the story told to the medical examiner, Tallanelli instead of replying to the remark, hit the attendant on the nose. This started a fight and the attendant immediately sought to put Tallanelli back into his room and lock the door.

Syracuse University Has "Unkissed Kings"



Thomas G. Lawrence and Frank Culver

Thomas G. Lawrence and Frank Culver laid claim to the title of "Unkissed Kings" of Syracuse (N. Y.) University, where they are students. Culver is the varsity football captain.

DRY ENFORCER SHOT TO DEATH

Steubenville, Ohio, Dec. 26.—Shot through the head and back, the body of Charles "Dixie" Blinn, prohibition enforcement agent was found early today in Marsh alley, a dark thoroughfare in the heart of Steubenville. The shooting is attributed to Blinn's activities in enforcing the cabaret act and his life has been threatened a score of times, police say.

FREIGHT TRAINS IN DEVON CRASH TO BASE COAL PRICE ON COST

One track of the Nausgusset division of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad was blocked for an hour, just after 8:30 this morning, when a freight train taking the siding at Baldwin's two miles above Devon, struck a freight train already on the siding. There were no personal injuries, the damage being confined to one badly smashed freight car. No one was believed to have been killed.

Man Hurt When Car Hits Auto

Matthew Hurley of 352 Carroll avenue reported to the police today that while driving along Main street between Franklin and East Washington streets, his automobile struck a sand car of the Connecticut Co., the impact of which caused Robert Wilson of No. Washington avenue to be thrown from the car. He was rushed to St. Vincent's hospital suffering from a fractured skull where his condition was said today to be very serious.

Centenarians to Have Blow-Out

New York, Dec. 26.—A group of young fellows, each around 100 years old, will meet at a dinner in honor of Ezra Meeker on December 29th. There will be a very young fellow named Chas. M. Dewey at this dinner. He will be the baby, being only 88 years old.

CITY HALL GUARD IS CONTINUED

Detectives Again Take Up Vigil—"Affair Unfortunate," Says Mayor—Officials Go Over Books of Town Clerk—Cornell Expects Developments.

Two detectives still stood guard over City Hall again today, one at each end of the corridor which traverses the building. Their watchful eyes were directed on the town clerk's office.

Developments are expected today. A declaration that there is no shortage or that a settlement of the alleged shortage has been made is expected to be forthcoming.

BURGLARS IN KELLER HOME GET JEWELRY

Thieves Force Rear Window of Jewelry Man's Home—Other Thefts Reported.

Henry F. Keller, of 348 Beechwood avenue, treasurer and manager of the Fritz & Hawley Co., reported to the police today that while absent from his home yesterday afternoon thieves managed to gain entrance by forcing a rear window and made off with a quantity of jewelry valued at close to \$300.

Among the articles stolen were three rings, a gold watch, a gold lavalliere, four pairs of cuff links, three pairs of earrings, two shirt studs, one coral necklace, and \$12 in cash.

The intruders evidently had planned the burglary carefully as Mr. Keller stated that he was not absent from the house a great while, and was of the opinion that the thieves had watched him depart from his home and then entered.

Myer Antel of 377 Myrtle avenue reported that thieves had made off with \$17 which was in the cash register of his dry goods store at the same address, some time during Saturday night. Entrance was gained through a cellar door.

Automobile thieves seem to be doing a lucrative business in this city. Harry Unger of 261 Spring street, reported that a black grip containing a lady's dress and other wearing apparel was stolen from his car which he parked on Spring street.

Jason Barton of 96 Steuben street reported that a white and red bicycle was stolen from his rear yard Xmas Eve.

WINTON SILENT

Mr. Cornell said that there was a possibility of a compromise between the officials involved and Town Clerk Winton. This will be of short duration, he said, as an extended one will not be necessary.

City Auditor Bernard Keating said that he had nothing to say on the matter.

"I have nothing to say," Town Clerk Winton said when asked concerning the reports in circulation, "they are looking things up," he added.

Meanwhile the two detectives stand guard and dog the steps of the town clerk.

Winton is confident of vindication. Reports in circulation today were to the effect that the alleged shortage in city accounts ranged from \$3,000 to \$7,000.

Bridgeport's coal situation was today declared by the office of the local fuel administrator to be "in a favorable condition and coal is to be hoped for in such an emergency."

Coal shipments are being speeded up as much as possible and R. W. Miller, traffic manager for the Crane Company and chairman of the traffic committee of the Bridgeport Chamber of Commerce is aiding in the expediting of delayed shipments.

It was learned today that Charles C. Wilson, certified public accountant, has consented to act as cost accountant for the fuel administration here and if any changes are made from the present "fair prices" they will be predicted upon Mr. Wilson's analysis of the cost.

The present prices are: \$14.50 for 75 per cent. egg, 25 per cent. No. 1 buckwheat. \$14.75 for 75 per cent. stove, 25 per cent. No. 1 buckwheat. \$15.50 for 75 per cent. nut, 25 per cent. pea.

Flag Presented by Wives of Rotarians. At the weekly luncheon of the Rotary Club, today, Sumner Simpson made a report for the Public Affairs Committee of which he is chairman. The new Rotary flag, presented to the club by the wives of the members, was displayed at the regular meeting for the first time.

Post office officials report a larger business this year than last year. Postal receipts were very heavy and a large number of foreign money orders were sent to the other side. Clerks are still busy handling holiday mail. All of the Santa Claus letters received at the post office were taken care of and read with much interest.